

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S8967–S9067

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1763–1771, and S. Res. 268. **Page S9019**

Measures Passed:

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 226, recognizing the month of November 2007 as “National Homeless Youth Awareness Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2128, of a perfecting nature.

Reid (for Lautenberg) Amendment No. 2129, to amend the title. **Page S9057**

National Save for Retirement Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 240, designating October 21 through October 27, 2007, as “National Save for Retirement Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S9057**

Measures Considered:

National Defense Authorization Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 1585, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S8972–S9013**

Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 242), Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2073 (to Amendment No. 2011), to require a report on support provided by the Government of Iran for attacks against coalition forces in Iraq. **Pages S8981–S9002**

Withdrawn:

Webb Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 2011), to specify minimum periods between deployment of units and members of the Armed Forces

for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. **Pages S8972–80**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 243), Hagel/Levin Amendment No. 2032 (to Amendment No. 2011), to limit the length of deployment of members of the Armed Forces for Operation Iraqi Freedom. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, July 11, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the adoption of the amendment, it is withdrawn, having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative. **Pages S9003–06, S9010**

By 41 yeas to 55 nays (Vote No. 244), Graham Modified Amendment No. 2078 (to Amendment No. 2011), to express the sense of Congress on length of time between deployments for members of the Armed Forces. Pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, July 11, 2007, requiring 60 votes for the adoption of the amendment, it is withdrawn, having failed to achieve 60 votes in the affirmative. **Pages S9006–10**

Pending:

Nelson (NE) (for Levin) Amendment No. 2011, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S8972**

Nelson (FL) Amendment No. 2013 (to Amendment No. 2012), to change the enactment date. **Page S8972**

Levin Amendment No. 2087 (to Amendment No. 2011), to provide for a reduction and transition of United States forces in Iraq. **Pages S8980–81**

Reed Amendment No. 2088 (to Amendment No. 2087), to change the enactment date. **Pages S8980–81**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. 241), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on Webb Amendment No. 2012 (to Amendment No. 2011) (listed above). **Page S8980**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2007, and that Senator McCain, or his designee, be recognized to offer a relevant first-degree amendment, and that Senator Levin then be recognized to offer a relevant second-degree amendment. **Pages S9057–58**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

John S. Bresland, of New Jersey, to be Chairperson of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Charles Russell Horner Shearer, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years.

Thomas C. Gilliland, of Georgia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for the remainder of the term expiring May 18, 2011.

William H. Graves, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

Susan Richardson Williams, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2012.

Diane D. Rath, of Texas, to be Assistant Secretary for Family Support, Department of Health and Human Services.

Daniel D. Heath, of New Hampshire, to be United States Alternate Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Mark Kimmitt, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs).

Robin Renee Sanders, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Gene Allan Cretz, of New York, to be Ambassador to Libya.

Donald M. Kerr, of Virginia, to be Principal Deputy Director of National Intelligence.

26 Army nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.
(Total—244) **Pages S8980, S9002, S9010**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:12 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S9057–58.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Bijan Rafiekian, of California, and Diane G. Farrell, of Connecticut, both to be Members of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and William Herbert Heyman, of New York, William S. Jasien, of Virginia, and Mark S. Shelton, of Kansas, all to be Directors of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

UNITED STATES WEATHER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITES

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States weather and environmental satellites, focusing on their readiness for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Mary Kicza, Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Michael H. Freilich, Director, Earth and Science Division, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, Government Accountability Office; Antonio J. Busalacchi, Jr., University of Maryland Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center, College Park; and Greg J. Holland, National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR), Boulder, Colorado.

OZONE NAAQS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety concluded a hearing to examine the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed revision to the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS), after receiving testimony from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; James D. Werner, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Dover; Mayor George L. Grace, Saint Gabriel, Louisiana, on behalf of the National Conference of Black Mayors; Michelle L. Bell, Yale University School of Forestry